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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT November 3, 2014

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TOWN COMMITTEES

Currently there are openings on the following (1) Conservation Commission, (3) Council on Aging Board, (1) Parks and Recreation, (2) Historical Commission, and (2) Zoning Board of Appeals. These are listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

The Zoning Board of Appeals is in desperate need of new members.

DPW

Water main replacement is complete on Turnpike Road. Road repair will begin in spring after the thaw.

Weather conditions have hampered the road work on E. Rindge Road to Young Road but once work has begun it will take a few days to complete.

CABLE CONTRACT

Comcast responded to our RFP and Ashburnham and Westminster in conjunction with our lawyer Bill Solomon are in negotiations with them. The negotiations are progressing. We met on Oct 31st.

FIRE UNION

Negotiations will begin again on the 12th of November.

GAS PIPELINE

Kinder Morgan will hold an Open House discussion on the Gas Pipeline at Oakmont Regional High School in the Auditorium on Thursday, November 20th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sylvia has our website modified to incorporate a special section where up to date information has been placed to keep the general population informed.

INSURANCE

In conjunction with Westminster and the school district we sent out an RFP for health care coverage. Initial indicators show an increase of about 11.8%. We are still negotiating as well as looking at other coverage options. Due to the time constraints we will need to move forward. The insurance year begins on January 1st.

CAMERAS

The cameras at Winchester Park have been changed and are operational.